Peoria Public Library has added two new digital services to the wealth of resources already offered – our gift to you for 2020.

Patrons can now access Hoopla, a digital streaming service with nearly 800,000 titles encompassing e-books, audio books, comics, movies, television and music, and RB Digital, a digital platform that is the world’s largest independent producer of audio books.

“It’s that time of year when we are all focused on giving, and this is our very special gift to our patrons,” said Peoria Public Library Executive Director Randall Yelverton. “While this is a large investment on our behalf, we believe in doing whatever we can to bring the best materials — entertaining, educational, thought-provoking and new — to our patrons.”

A key highlight of both Hoopla and RB Digital is that unlimited numbers of users can check out the digital offerings simultaneously – something not every service allows.

“We know it can be frustrating to wait to check out an e-book until it is ‘returned,’” Yelverton added. “After all, it’s digital, it should be accessible anytime. With Hoopla and RB Digital, they are.”

Patrons can find links to both services on the Peoria Public Library website at peoriapubliclibrary.org. Click the Downloads and Streaming gray box on the left side of the main page. You must have a current Peoria Public Library card to register for access.

Hoopla, which features current hit movies along with classic films, foreign films, modern indies and documentaries, will stream on smart televisions and streaming devices, including Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV and Roku.

Books, digital or audio, can be downloaded or streamed on digital devices – from your smart phone to Kindle to Alexa.

Unlimited books can be downloaded or streamed through RB Digital, but patrons will be limited to four check-outs per month via Hoopla.
NEW YEAR: NEW ONGOING PROGRAMS

It's the start of a new year, and Peoria Public Library has two new ongoing programs.

At Lakeview Branch, we are starting a new Spanish/English storytime for children of all ages, thanks to help from the Peoria Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Join us for libros (books), juegos (games) and canciones (songs) as we build vocabulary in both languages.

The first storytime will be Saturday, Jan. 4 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Lakeview.

At McClure Branch, a new walking club will help you stick with a new fitness routine for the new year.

The Bookin’ Walking Club will meet every Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at McClure Branch. If the weather allows, we’ll walk the Storywalk in adjacent Columbia Park. If the weather is too bad, we’ll walk inside.

Members who complete 20 weeks of walking in 2020 will be entered into a drawing for a prize. All ages are welcome.

OUR BOOK HOLD POLICY HAS CHANGED

Peoria Public Library has changed its policy in regards to books on hold.

In an effort to further protect our patrons’ privacy, you will now find your books on hold shelved under the first three letters of your last name and the last three digits of your library card.

So, just remember: first three, last three. And if you have any questions, any of our librarians will be happy to help you.

SEEKING SUGGESTIONS

Peoria Public Library is seeking suggestions for children’s programming for the Main Library in Downtown Peoria.

We’d like you to tell us what types of programs you’d like to see and, of course, the days and times of the week that you would like to see them. We’re open to all ideas.

Please reach out to Alyce Jackson, manager of programming, at alycejackson@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us

BUILD A BUDGET

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4
MCCLURE BRANCH
10:00-10:30 am

Start your year off on the right financial foot by building yourself a budget! Come chat about things you’ll need to think of when planning out your budget and financial goals for 2020!

LIBRARY APP BOOTCAMP

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
10:00-11:00 am

Did you receive a new tablet or e-reader for the holidays? Have you heard that you can get “free e-books” from the library? Your Peoria Public Library card offers access to book, movie, and music apps. Come to Lakeview Branch to learn how to use these apps for free.

THESAURUS DAY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18
NORTH BRANCH
3:00 - 5:30 pm

Celebrate Thesaurus Day with a Scrabble Tournament! Our winner will receive a $20 Barnes & Noble or Amazon gift card (and bragging rights). Please register by January 14 by calling 309-497-2100 or emailing programmingdept@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us, so that staff have adequate time to configure brackets (if necessary). Ages 14 and up.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
JANUARY CALENDAR

JANUARY
ALL LOCATIONS
1000 Books Before Kindergarten
Read any 1,000 books to your child before they enter kindergarten and earn prizes for every 100 books they read. Once your child reads 1,000 books, they will be invited to a graduation party.

JANUARY
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
2020 Reading Challenges
Choose one or more of our reading challenges to take part in during 2020. Bring in your completed challenge to receive a bookmark and an entry into a drawing for a $25 Barnes and Noble gift card.

JANUARY
MAIN LIBRARY
Crafts-to-Go – 9:00 am-6:00 pm
Kids ages 5 through 12 can pick up a craft packet at the 1st Floor Information Desk.

JANUARY 2-30
MAIN LIBRARY GALLERY
22VA: Veterans Art Exhibit
View a wide range of artistic expression, all created by area veterans. Some were artists before, some are using art to understand their military experience. The exhibit is organized by 22VA, a group of talented veteran Artists that want to help other veterans express themselves through visual and creative arts. 22 VA wants to help reduce the number of veteran suicides, which claim the lives of 22 veterans a day. This equates to around 30 suicides per 100,000 veterans, a rate that is more than double the rate for the civilian population.

JANUARY 2-16
MAIN LIBRARY
Appreciate a Dragon Day
January 16th is Appreciate a Dragon Day, and we’re celebrating by decorating our own paper dragon. Children preschool through 5th grade can ask for some stickers at the Information Desk and give our dragon the bling he needs to look amazing.

JANUARY 2 & 3
MCCLURE BRANCH
Winter Break Gaming – 4:00-5:00 pm
Keep yourself busy during winter break with video, board, and card games! They’ll be set up each weekday afternoon.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3
MCCLURE BRANCH
Slime Workshop – 2:30-3:30 pm
Test out a few different slime recipes to see which one is the best! Ages 6 to 11.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 & 18
MAIN LIBRARY
Kids Craft Time – 10:00-11:00 am
Children can explore their creative side during these hands-on craft sessions. All ages are welcome, but children under 3 will need adult assistance.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4
MAIN LIBRARY
Bookin’ It Walking Club – 9:30-10:30 am
Need help starting a consistent fitness routine? Our walking club will meet each Monday for a 50 minute walk at Columbia Park located next to the McClure Branch. We will walk inside if there’s inclement weather and outside on the nice days. We will keep track of goals and milestones! Members who complete 20 weeks in 2020 will be entered into a drawing for a prize!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Toy Story 4 & a Craft – 10:15 am-12:30 pm
At 10:15, make your own Forky to take home with you and play with while watching the movie. At 10:45, the film begins. Craft supplies are provided, but please bring your own snacks.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4
MCCLURE BRANCH
Calm Your Clutter – 11:00-11:30 am
Desperate to declutter? Stop by to get some quick tips on how to get your home, car, office, and other “habitats” in order.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Tots Storytime
Ages 12 to 24 months.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6
NORTH BRANCH
Tiny Tots Storytime
LAKEVIEW BRANCH – 10:15-10:45 AM
NORTH BRANCH – 10:30-11:00 AM

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 13 & 27
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NORTH BRANCH – 10:30-11:00 AM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Baby Playground – 10:15-11:30 am
Calling all babies! Join us for a special playgroup designed to help you explore your world through creative play. Ages 9 months to 24 months.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 10
MCCLURE BRANCH
Busy Bees Storytime – 10:30-11:00 am
Children of all ages.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 12
MCCLURE BRANCH
Build Yourself a Budget – 10:00-10:30 am
Come chat about things you’ll need to think of when planning out your budget and financial goals for 2020!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14
MCCLURE BRANCH
Healthy Eating Habits – 6:00-7:30 pm
Are you ready to start the year the healthiest you? Learn all about creating healthy eating habits to last all year round in this presentation from your Sheridan Village Hy-Vee dietitian! We will discuss all the food groups, portion sizes, and stocking your pantry and refrigerator with staples to make healthy eating easy. We will also be making two simple recipes together you will get to try! Space is limited, so please call 309-497-2150 to register.

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**TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 14, 21 & 28**  
**LINCOLN BRANCH**  
**Terrific Tattletale Storytime**  
10:00-10:30 am  
Ages 3 to 6.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 14, 21 & 28**  
**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**  
**Toddler Tales – 10:15-10:45 am**  
Ages 2 to 4.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 7**  
**LINCOLN BRANCH**  
**Front & Center: Salt Crystal Snowflakes – 4:30-5:30 pm**  
Transform pipe cleaners into beautiful snowflakes. This fun science activity is the perfect project for the winter season. Ages 6 to 11.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 7**  
**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**  
**Kids Book Club – 4:30-5:30 pm**  
Join our new book club! Club members work together in selecting book titles, fiction and nonfiction, and with leading discussion. This month we will be reading The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate. New readers are always welcome! For more information about the Kids Book Club, please contact Kayla at Lakeview. Ages 8 to 12.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 7**  
**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**  
**Board in the Library – 6:00-7:45 pm**  
Bring a friend or meet a new friend while playing a board or card game. Select one from our collection or feel free to bring one of your own. Soft drinks will be available. Ages 18 and up.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 15, 22 & 29**  
**NORTH BRANCH**  
**Brainy Baby Storytime – 1:30-2:00 pm**  
Ages 0 to 23 months.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8**  
**LAKEVIEW BRANCH**  
**Kid-Run Newspaper – 4:30-5:30 pm**  
Each meeting we will work on content for our latest issue of the Peoria Public Library Kid-Run Newspaper. If you can’t make it to the meeting please call the Lakeview Branch and ask for Adam or Katy for more information about the newspaper or how to submit content. New members are always welcome. Ages 8 to 17.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 16, 23 & 30**  
**MCCLURE BRANCH**  
**Storytime for Littles – 10:00-10:30 am**  
Ages 0 to 2.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9**  
**MCCLURE BRANCH**  
**Storytime for Bigs – 10:30-11:00 am**  
Ages 3 to 6.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9**  
**MCCLURE BRANCH**  
**Snow Problem! – 4:00-5:00 pm**  
It’s cold weather outside, but we will be playing in the snow anyway! Come join us as we try out three different snow making recipes and try to determine which is the most authentic (and the best to play with)! Registration required. Please call 497-2600. Ages 6 to 11.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 10**  
**MCCLURE BRANCH**  
**Winter Mosaic – 3:45-4:45 pm**  
Utilizing some everyday paint swatches, we will be adding a little color this winter by making our own mosaics. Registration required. Please call 497-2600. Ages 6-11.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11**  
**MCCLURE BRANCH**  
**Library App Bootcamp – 10:00-11:00 am**  
Did you receive a new tablet or e-reader for the holidays? Have you heard that you can get “free e-books” from the library? Your Peoria Public Library card offers access and use these apps for free.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11**  
**MCCLURE BRANCH**  
**Vision Boards 2020 – 3:00-4:00 pm**  
Visualize the year you want with a personalized vision board! We’ll share examples, inspiration, and supplies. You bring your 2020 aspirations. Teens and adults.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**  
**NORTH BRANCH**  
**Music in the McKenzie Presents: New Cats – 2:00-4:00 pm**  
The band members encompass a wide mixture of music backgrounds from jazz to punk, and each brings their own unique flavor to the bluegrass genre. They fuse a mixture of high energy and uptempo new and traditional bluegrass and folk music, along with a handful of their own finely crafted tunes.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 13**  
**MCCLURE BRANCH**  
**Sci Fi & Fantasy Book Club – 6:30-7:30 pm**  
This month: Starship Troopers by Robert A. Heinlein and Forever War by Joe Haldeman.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14  
LINCOLN BRANCH  
Front & Center: Happy Birthday, Dr. King 5:00-6:00 pm  
Join us for trivia, games, and crafts and write your own “I Have a Dream” speech. Commemorate the life and legacy of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Please call 497-2600 to register.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15  
MAIN LIBRARY  
National Hat Day – 3:30-5:00 pm  
Come celebrate National Hat Day at the library! Stop by the Children’s Activity Room to decorate your own foam hat visor to wear. Ages 6 to 11.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16  
NORTH BRANCH  
Third Thursday Film Fest: The Year of the Woman – 2:00-4:30 pm  
2020 is the 100th Anniversary of Women’s Right to Vote. Join us each month for a movie featuring strong female characters. We will have some classics as well as some newer films – definitely something for everyone. Bring a snack and enjoy a movie on the big screen. This month: *Iron Lady* (2011).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16  
LINCOLN BRANCH  
Front & Center: Balloon Pop & Play – 4:00-5:00 pm  
Ready for lots of laughter and fun? Pop your balloon and see what silly thing is written on your paper to do! Make a funny face, hop on one foot holding your ear, and more! Call 497-2600 to register. Ages 6 to 11.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16  
LINCOLN BRANCH  
Northern Lights Craft – 4:00-5:00 pm  
Sometimes weather in January is pretty dark and gloomy, so we need something to light it up and what better project than the Northern Lights! We will be creating our own Aurora Borealis with a few pieces of chalk and paper! Call 497-2600 to register. Ages 12 to 18.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17  
MCCLURE BRANCH  
Toddler Play Zone – 10:15-11:30 am  
Join us for a special playgroup for toddlers to interact with other kids, play with educational toys, and read books with their parents. Ages 2 to 4.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18  
LAKEVIEW BRANCH  
Autism Resource Group  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Are you a parent with a child or teen with Autism Spectrum Disorder? Join us for resource sharing and support.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19  
LINCOLN BRANCH  
Peoria Area World Affairs Council Book Club – 2:00-3:00 pm  
*Into the Beautiful North* by Luis Alberto Urrea

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21  
LINCOLN BRANCH  
Front & Center: Let’s Play Jingo 4:30-5:30 pm  
Join us playing the latest craze in Bingo! Get a double twist as we combine Music with Bingo that gives you Jingo! Ages 12-18.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21  
LAKEVIEW BRANCH  
YA for Adults Book Club – 6:30-7:30 pm  
Are you in your 20s or 30s and enjoy reading Young Adult books? Join this fun group to discuss the best in YA literature. As a bonus, there are always snacks! This month: *The Grace Year* by Kim Liggett

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22  
LAKEVIEW BRANCH  
KAB: Kids Advisory Board–4:30-5:30 pm  
Join us for our monthly meeting to give your opinion on events and materials at the Lakeview Branch. Ages 8 to 12.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22  
NORTH BRANCH  
Messy Winter Craft – 5:30-6:30 pm  
Keep winter boredom away by dropping in to make a wonderful work of art – and WE’LL clean up the mess! Ages 0 to 5.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23  
MAIN LIBRARY  
Chinese New Year Movie & Craft 3:30-5:00 pm  
Celebrate the Year of the Rat by joining us for a movie with a rat character, refreshments, a fun rat craft and red envelope prizes. Ages 5 to 12.

All locations of Peoria Public Library will be CLOSED in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
In this month’s writing group, we will be practicing writing our description of objects. Using each of your senses individually, you will have to describe different objects. How will you describe something by touch or sound or even taste? Can you figure out what the object is without your other senses to help you? Call 497-2600 to register. Ages 12 to 18.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25
MCCLURE BRANCH
Letters in 3D – 3:00-5:00 pm
Design and decorate your initials in 3D!
Create a unique decoration for any room. While supplies last. Ages 12 to 18.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27
MCCLURE BRANCH
Monday Morning Movie Series
10:30 am-12:30 pm
Enjoy a classic movie with popcorn! This week: Bullitt starring Steve McQueen (1968)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28
MCCLURE BRANCH
Front & Center: Extreme Dots
4:30-5:30 pm
Challenge yourself with Extreme Dots! Choose your favorite animal, character or nature dot to dot puzzles. See who can be the first to complete over 500 dots! Ages 6 to 11.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Afternoon Board Games & Puzzles
12:00-4:00 pm
Looking for something to do on your half day of school? Stop by our Storytime Room to play a game or a puzzle from our collection. We have a variety of puzzles and games for the youngest of children up to teens. Children of all ages.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29
MCCLURE BRANCH
National Puzzle Day – 3:00-5:30 pm
Come to the Children’s Room to put together some of our wooden and jigsaw puzzles. Then color your own puzzle to take home. Ages 6 to 11.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25
MCCLURE BRANCH
Drop-In: Snowflake Window Art
10:00 am-12:00 pm
Create a “stained glass” tissue paper window decoration to admire each time you look out at the winter wonderland outside!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28
MCCLURE BRANCH
4th Trimester: Baby Sleep–3:00-4:00pm
Understanding a newborn’s sleep needs is a challenge every parent encounters right from the start. Join a representative from the Illinois Neurological Sleep Center to get you and your little one headed down the path to an effective sleep routine.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29
LAKEVIEW BRANCH
Mature Readers Book Club-2:15-3:15 pm
This month: Radium Girls by Kate Moore

Peoria Public Library gets by with a little help from our Friends.

Friends of Peoria Public Library is a 501(c)(3) that exists solely to support our projects and programs. Mainly through book sales, Friends contributes to our varied children’s programming. But we’d love to do so much more – and we can with your help.

Please consider becoming a Friend of the Library. For an annual contribution of $25, you will be a Friend and eligible for a 20 percent discount on anything sold at our Friends book stores. You can also help and have input on programming and bring in authors. Let us tell you more. Call us at (309) 497-2141.

Friends also takes donations of books (and some magazines) year-round.
FEBRUARY BOOK CLUBS

Consider stepping outside of your comfort zone and joining a book club. Or two. Not only will you make new friends and keep the old, but you may be introduced to books or genres you never would have considered on your own. New members are always welcome!

Peoria Public Library hosts the following book clubs. If you’d like to start a new one, contact us at 497-2141.

THE BIOGRAPHY/NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB
When/Where: Meets the second Sunday of the month from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at North Branch.
For more information, call Roberta Koscielski at 309-497-2186.
February 9: Flu: The Story of the Great Flu Pandemic of 1918 by Gina Kolata

THE YA FOR ADULTS BOOK CLUB
When/Where: Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch.
For more information, call Karla at 497-2150.
February 18: The Lovely War by Julie Berry

THE SHERLOCK HOLMES STORY SOCIETY
When/Where: Meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at North Branch.
For more information, call 497-2701.
February 27: A Study in Scarlet, Part 1, Chapters 1-3

INTERCONTINENTAL READERS
When/Where: Meets every three months on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:00 p.m at Main Library LL1 Classroom B. This club focuses on American and Irish authors and Skypes with members in Clonmel, Ireland.
For more information, email Terry Tate at knntateemchsi.com
March 24: The Transatlantic Book Club by Felicity Hayes-McCoy

THE BIBLIOPHILES BOOK CLUB
When/Where: Meets the first Tuesday of the month from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the Lakeview Branch of Peoria Public Library, 1137 W. Lake.
For more information, contact Nancy at 309-231-3263 or by email at nancy415@mediacombb.net
February 4: Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

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THE SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY BOOK CLUB
When/Where: Meets on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch.
For more information, call 497-2701.
February 10: Gods of Jade and Shadow by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

MATURE READERS BOOK CLUB
When/Where: Meets the last Wednesday of the month at 2:15 p.m. at Lakeview Branch.
For more information, call 497-2701.
February 26: Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

THE SHERLOCK HOLMES STORY SOCIETY
When/Where: Meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at North Branch.
For more information, call 497-2701.
February 27: A Study in Scarlet, Part 1, Chapters 1-3

INTERCONTINENTAL READERS
When/Where: Meets every three months on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:00 p.m at Main Library LL1 Classroom B. This club focuses on American and Irish authors and Skypes with members in Clonmel, Ireland.
For more information, email Terry Tate at knntateemchsi.com
March 24: The Transatlantic Book Club by Felicity Hayes-McCoy

THE BIBLIOPHILES BOOK CLUB
When/Where: Meets the first Tuesday of the month from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the Lakeview Branch of Peoria Public Library, 1137 W. Lake.
For more information, contact Nancy at 309-231-3263 or by email at nancy415@mediacombb.net
February 4: Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

THE BIOGRAPHY/NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB
When/Where: Meets the second Sunday of the month from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at North Branch.
For more information, call Roberta Koscielski at 309-497-2186.
February 9: Flu: The Story of the Great Flu Pandemic of 1918 by Gina Kolata

THE Y A FOR ADULTS BOOK CLUB
When/Where: Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch.
For more information, call Karla at 497-2150.
February 18: The Lovely War by Julie Berry

THE SCIENCE FICTION/FANTASY BOOK CLUB
When/Where: Meets on the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeview Branch.
For more information, call 497-2701.
February 10: Gods of Jade and Shadow by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

MATURE READERS BOOK CLUB
When/Where: Meets the last Wednesday of the month at 2:15 p.m. at Lakeview Branch.
For more information, call 497-2701.
February 26: Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

THE SHERLOCK HOLMES STORY SOCIETY
When/Where: Meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at North Branch.
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Peoria Reads! has chosen *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas as the selection for 2020. In Thomas’ debut novel, she explores the world of a teenage girl grappling with racism, police brutality and activism after witnessing a white police officer shoot and kill her friend. Thomas not only delves into the timely Black Lives Matter movement, but also illuminates other struggles faced by Black Americans, including the need to “code switch” or use different types of language in different settings. Though her themes, as well as the use of vulgar language, did lead this book to be one of the most challenged books of 2017 and 2018 by the American Library Association, it has also received much critical acclaim.

On the National Book Awards longlist for young adult literature, it was also nominated for a 2018 Carnegie Medal, was recognized with the William C. Morris Award from the American Library Association in 2018, and won the overall Waterstones Children’s Book Prize and American Bookseller’s Association Indie Award for Best Young Adult Novel.

Peoria Public Library is encouraging Peorians to read this book and look for upcoming opportunities to discuss it and how it relates to our community and experiences.

Kicking off with a City Council proclamation this month, the library will then either host or encourage a variety of programming – from book club discussions to film showings to a panel discussion entitled, “The Help U Give,” on Saturday, April 4 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Main Library.

More details on upcoming events will be listed on the library website at peoriapubliclibrary.org, as well as in our newsletters and social media.